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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION IN ERTS PROGRAM

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1. NASA ADVISED IN APRIL 1974, BY DR. ABDEL-HADY, DIRECTOR, EGYPTIAN REMOTE SENSING PROJECT, THAT HE WOULD BE SUBMITTING LATE EGYPTIAN ERTS-B PROPOSAL (THE STANDRAD METHOD OF FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN THE ERTS PROJECT). ABDEL-HADY IS PROFESSOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AFFILIATED WITH EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON, ON PROJECT FOR "GEOLOGIC INTERPRETATION OF ERTS-1 SATELLITE IMAGES IN WEST ASWAN AREA."

WE UNDERSTAND ABOVE INVESTIGATION PART OF ONGOING EFFORT INITIATED BY EGYPTIAN REMOTE SENSING PROJECT TO EVALUATE SIGNIFICANCE ERTS-1 SATELLITE IMAGES IN REGIONAL GEOLOGIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES SURVEY AND MAPPING.

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2. WHILE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ERTS-B PROPOSALS

LONG PASSED AND MOST INVESTIGATIONS ALREADY SELECTED, NASA WOULD BE WILLING TO REVIEW EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL IF RECEIVED EXPEDITIOUSLY. PROPOSAL COULD INCLUDE RESEARCH TO DETERMINE IF ERTS USEFUL IN LOCATING NON-PETROLEUM MINERAL WEALTH.

3. MR. WILLIAM STONEY, DIRECTOR, NASA EARTH OBSERVATIONS PROGRAM, TO PARTICIPATE IN UN/FAO REGIONAL SEMINAR ON REMOTE SENSING IN CAIRO BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5TH. ABDEL-HADY MIGHT ADVISE HIM OF STATUS OF PROPOSAL. INGERSOLL

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